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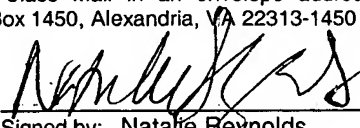
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Title: METHODS OF MANUFACTURING DERIVATIVES OF BETA-HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC ACIDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2008, Applicants' respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1 through 49 are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner raised a restriction requirement regarding the claimed invention and separated the claims into six groups (Groups I-VI). The Examiner further raised an Election of Species requirement.

Election

The Restriction and Election of Species are respectfully traversed. However, to be fully responsive Applicant elects, with traverse, the subject matter of Group III, claims 28-36, and 3-hydroxypropionic acid is selected for the species of α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid. Claims 28-33 and 35-36 of Group III read on the elected species. Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

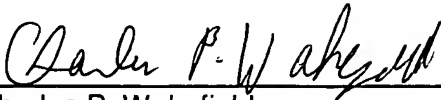
Applicants have elected Group III and 3-hydroxypropionic acid as the species of α,β -unsaturated carboxylic acid. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

A separate Petition for Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the extension of time fee to Assignee's deposit account is included with this Amendment. The

Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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